

Appendix A Version of Specification Showing Additions and Deletions

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-12, to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/213,983, entitled "Micro Identifier System and Components for Optical Assemblies," filed June 24, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/318,451, filed May [March] 25, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,404,953, issued June 11, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/819,979, filed March 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,953,477, issued September 14, 1999, the disclosure of which is hereby fully incorporated by reference.